



Department
for Environment
Food & Rural Affairs

GB Certificate of Inspection (COI) explanatory notes

Box 1: Name, address and code of control body or authority in the third country. This body also completes boxes 4 to 8.

Box 2: This box indicates which Regulations are relevant to the import:

Council Regulation (EC) No 834/2007:

- Article 33(2) – confirms that the products are imported under Annex III, equivalent third countries.

- Article 33(3) – confirms that the products are certified as equivalent to **GB Regulations** in the third country and are certified by a control body listed on Annex IV.

The boxes that should be checked will depend on whether the import is from a third country listed on Annex III or is certified by a control body appearing on Annex IV as approved to operate in the third country the products originate from.

Box 3: Serial number of the certificate, this will need to be assigned by the third country control body until an electronic system can automatically assign this.

In order to ensure a logical serial number is given and it is unique to the consignment, we propose the following format “COI.[CB code].nnnnn”. As the CB code is unique, there will be no possible duplication by other CBs.

Box 4: Name and address of the operator exporting the products from the country mentioned in box 8. The exporter is: the operator performing the last operation for the purposes of preparation and sealing products in appropriate packaging or containers.

Box 5: Operator(s) who produced or processed the products in the third country mentioned in box 7.

Box 6: Control body(ies) or authority(ies) for monitoring compliance of the production or processing of the products with the rules of organic production in the country mentioned in box 7.

Box 7: Country of origin means the country where the product has been produced/ grown or processed.

Box 8: Country of export means the country where the product has been subject to the last operation for the purposes of preparation and sealed in appropriate packaging or containers.

Box 9: Country of clearance means **Great Britain**. Point of entry is the point of release for free circulation.

Box 10: Country of destination would be **Great Britain**.

Box 11: Name, address and the Economic Operators Registration and Identification number (EORI) of the importer.

Box 12: Name and address of the first consignee of the consignment in Great Britain. The first consignee shall mean the natural or legal person where the consignment is delivered and where it will be handled for further preparation and/or marketing. The first consignee shall also complete box 21.

Box 13: Description of products that includes Combined Nomenclature (CN) codes for the products concerned (8-digit level where possible), trade name, number of packages (number of boxes, cartons, bags, buckets, etc.), lot number and net weight.

Box 14: Optional

Box 15: Optional

Box 16: Total gross weight expressed in appropriate units (Kg of net mass, Litre, etc.)

Box 17: Means of transport arriving at the point of entry.

Mode of transport: aeroplane, vessel, railways, road vehicle, other.

Identification of the means of transport:

- for aeroplane, indicate the flight number,
- for vessels, indicate the ship name(s),
- for railways, indicate the train identity and wagon number,
- for road transportation, indicate the registration number plate with trailer number plate, if appropriate.

In the case of ferry, indicate vessel and road vehicle with the identification of the road vehicle and of the scheduled ferry.

Box 18: Declaration of control authority or control body issuing the certificate. **The signature and the stamp on the COIs may be electronic.**

Box 19: Shall be filled in by the competent authority or by the importer.

Box 20: Shall be completed by the competent authority, if appropriate, before the preparation or splitting operation in the circumstances and at the verification of the consignment.

Box 21: Shall be filled in by the first consignee at the reception of the products, when the checks have been completed.